THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): During Presient Zia ui Haq's visit to India on December 17, 1985, it had been envisaged that PM would visit Pakistan during 1986. However, some of the measure$_s$ which were to culminate in Prime Minister's visit to Pakistan, as mutually agreed during President Zia's visit have not yet been taken by the Government of Pakistm. therefore, no firm plans have been made so far in this regard.

Incentives for project exports and consultancy services

1331. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will ihe Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government aie offering certain major incentives for project ex ports! ::a<i consultancy services; and

(b) if $_s$o, what are the detailg thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN IHE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) With a view to providing support to project exports and consultancy services, it has been decide to:

(i) grant project assistance to tht' tune of 10 ney cent of the net foreign exchange earnings from the portion of the contracts in respects of industrial turnkey and civil construction projects as well as for export of consultancy services;

Oi) grant Market Development Assistance for reimbursement of cost of bids for turnkey construction projects and consultancy services on p graduated scale for differen:: overseas markets; and

(iu) grant enhanced rates of assistance on a graduated scale to consultancy organisations on the approved recurring expenditure incurred for opening and operating offices.

India as a base for International Drag Trafficking

1332. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has emerged as a major staging point in international drug trafficking;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons therefor;

(c) what is the total quantity ot narcotic drugs seized during the last three years and up to 29th July, 1936 and value thereof in the international market;

(d) what is the number of person* apprehended under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985; and

(e)' what further steps are proposed to be taken to check drug trafficking effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) It is a fact that India has, for some time past, been increasingly facing problem of transit traffic in drugs, especially in herion and hashish. . Tha is mainly due to the fact that tbe Near and Middle East Region adjacent to our country, in recent years has emerged as a major source of supply of illicit drugs.

(c) The total quantity of narcotic drugs seized in India during tbe years 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986 (upto 29-7-1986) is given in the Statement Appended. (See Appendix CXXXIX Annexur$_c$ No. 82].

No precise value o£ the drugs seized can be furnished, as the illicit market price varies widely from place to place and time to time, depending upon the purity of the dn\g, locaj demand and supply position, place of origin, etc.

(d) As per reports received by th* Narcotics Commissioner of India Gwalior, the number of persou* arrested for narcotic offences under

the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 during 'he perioa from 14.11.1985 to 29.7.1986 is 6'

(e) The field fo ma.ions remain vigilant to check the smuggling oi drags. The intelligence machinery has been geared up. ln addiion to to appropria e anti-srnuggling measure* taken in co-ordination with the Cen tral and State Government authorities concerned, close co-opera'ion with the international agencies concerned and also wi h fo cm nt agencies ol U.S.A. ,U.K., etc. is main> tained to curb smuggling of drugs. A new o/ganisation under the name of, 'Narco ies Control Bureau' has been set up for effectively co-ordinating action agaiast illicit traffic in drugs. The matter is afeo ke.pt under constant review for app.oprtate action.

Operation of Branches of Nationalised banks abroad

1333. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bring in all the branches of trational-lised banks operation in foreign coun tries under one single agency;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal; and

(c) by when it is going to be imple-mented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAN-ARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Govern-lot considering at present any specific proposal to bring in all the branches of nationalised banks operating in foreign countries under one single agency.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Glut in yarn production

1334. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD; Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is glut in yarn production;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it has had to crisis in yam production units and labourers are facing retrenchment; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government +o meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Trade Development Authority and UNDP

1335 SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: WiU the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Trade Development Authority is likely to tie up with UNDP for export of electronic components; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRl BRAHxM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Trade Development Authority has formulated a two-year programme for increasing export or Elec tronic Components to US market. The UNDP has agreed, in principle, to provide technical and financial assistance for this programme. Tliis programme is intended to improve the market access for the Indian electronic components in USA and esta-bli h business relationship between the Indian exporters and the US buyers.

Meeting the threat of "Copperhead" Missiles of Pakistan

11336. SHRl KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governmeat are awar* that Pakistan is acquiring highly accurate tank destroyers, the 'Copper-

tPreviously Unstarred Question 1007, transferred from the 31st August, 1986.